THE KREWE OF NEREIDS

presents

THIRTIETH ANNUAL BAL MASQUE

SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 27, 1996
MISSISSIPPI COAST COLISEUM, BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

THE KREWE OF NEREIDS PRES

"IT'S A CELEBR

It's The Celebration of Celebrations! From the joy and anticipation of NEW YEAR'S EVE to the MAGICAL MAKE-BELIEVE of MARDI GRAS, NEREIDS invites you to CELEBRATE!

All people the world over observe NOTABLE OCCASIONS with FESTIVALS. At the GREAT HARVEST HOLIDAY, the people of Southern INDIA honor the SUN and the RAIN that ripen the RICE CROPS. A CELEBRATION of HAWAIIAN CULTURE, the ALOHA PAGEANT includes CORONATIONS, STREET PARTIES, PARADES AND REVELRY.

CELEBRATIONS may be expressions of our RELIGIOUS FAITH as in the SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS. They may be the WHOOPS AND HOLLERS of a RODEO ROUNDUP or the celluloid celebrations of a FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL. Whatever the occasion, CELEBRATIONS give us an opportunity to EXPRESS OUR ENTHUSIASM FOR LIFE, our JOIE DE VIVRE, the LIVING SPIRIT and SOUL of our BEING.

Tonight the KREWE OF NEREIDS takes you on a joyful TOUR OF CELEBRATIONS around the world. From the snow and ice of the QUEBEC WINTER CARNIVAL to the heated, rhythmic extravagance of CARNIVAL IN RIO, we invite you to COME WITH US. Let's CELEBRATE!

OUR TABLEAUX UNFOLDS...

The MAESTRO raises his baton and we enjoy the SPIRITED OVERTURE of "COME TO THE MARDI GRAS."

The CAPTAIN'S whistle signals the beginning of our THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY SPECTACULAR CARNIVAL BALL as we welcome...

THE ROYAL COURT OF 1995 recalling the world's greatest city, NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

All hail their ROYAL MAJESTIES, our 1995 KING and QUEEN, before...

The SCEPTER BEARER makes a TRADITIONAL appearance.

Behold the SPOTTING of the CREST OF NEREIDS as a prelude to "IT'S A CELEBRATION!"

Symbolically costumed to portray the wishes for good luck and prosperity of the CHINESE NEW YEAR, our KREWE OFFICERS extend a "WELCOME TO THE BALL" and signal that our CELEBRATION is about to BEGIN.

For AULD LANG SYNE, our showgirls perform at the TOP OF THE MART NIGHT CLUB in SAN FRANCISCO on NEW YEAR'S EVE, as the GOOD LUCK DRAGON weaves and winds its way through the REVELERS.

Behold, in the tradition of MARDI GRAS, the explosive entrance of the CAPTAIN OF NEREIDS.

We're off now to a JEWISH WEDDING where friends and family of the BRIDE AND GROOM sing and dance with joy.

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RATION!"

On to the far west as COWBOYS AND COWGIRLS, returning victorious from the RODEO, enliven the patrons of the LONG BRANCH SALOON in Dodge City.

CELEBRATIONS around the world come ALIVE as the MAIDS AND DUKES of our 1996 ROYAL COURT appear and depict...

"THE QUEBEC WINTER CARNIVAL"
...a Canadian French spectacle of snow and ice

"THE CANNES FILM FESTIVAL"
...France's Mediterranean celebration of film fantasy

"INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY"
...celebrating the land of the "Great Soul," Mohandas Gandhi

"CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD"
...Christians unite in joy on Christ's birthday

"THE ALOHA FESTIVAL PAGEANT"
...Pacific partying and pageantry

"QUEEN ELIZABETH'S BIRTHDAY"
...presenting the Beefeaters of the Tower of London

"CARNIVAL IN RIO"
...extravagance and Samba dancing along Copacabana Beach

"THE STRATFORD SHAKESPEAREAN FESTIVAL"
...celebrating "All The World's A Stage"

Hail QUEEN DORIS XXX, personifying the spirit of celebration as she reigns as QUEEN OF OUR BAL MASQUE.

Her ROYAL MAJESTY now calls for the CAPTAIN to escort...

KING NEREUS XXX, who bids that his SUBJECTS enjoy with him the MAGIC and MAKE-BELIEVE of MARDI GRAS.

HONORED GUESTS are received at the REGAL THRONE before...

The ROYAL COURT process in a "GRAND PROMENADE" amid a KALEIDOSCOPE of MARDI GRAS MUSIC.

The MYSTIQUE OF MARDI GRAS continues as rhythm comes alive in the MUSIC AND DANCE OF CARNIVAL IN RIO.

Saluting the most FABULOUS of all CELEBRATIONS -- MARDI GRAS -- the KREWE OF NEREIDS stages the PARADE OF PARADES. It's MARDI GRAS TIME, time for laughter in our hearts and love for everyone.

The KREWE assembles in a GRAND FINALE SALUTE to CELEBRATION.

The OFFICERS AND KREWE take center stage as they acknowledge the wonderful GUESTS OF NEREIDS.

The gracious and captivating CAPTAIN OF THE KREWE bids you a nostalgic "FAREWELL" until we all meet again at next year's NEREIDS 31st ANNUAL BAL MASQUE EXTRAVAGANZA!

The "CALL-OUT DANCES" begin, after which GENERAL DANCING adds to the HAPPY EXCITEMENT of our MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION.

The Royal Court Of

1996

King Nereus XXX

Dukes to His Majesty

Mr. Joseph W. Gex, II
Mr. Charles A. Breath
Mr. Douglas Seal
Mr. Lucien M. Gex, III
Mr. Michael S. Wyatt
Mr. William B. Zimmerman, Jr.
Mr. Robert Matthew Richmond
Mr. Kevin Michael Champagne

Trainbearers to Her Majesty

Master Heath Charles Hansell
Master Brooks Kidd Breland

Trainbearers To His Majesty

Master Timothy Kyle Kulikowski
Master Ryan Michael Dedeaux

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Mr. Clarence L. Moran

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Mr. Joseph W. Gex
Mr. Luke J. Caruso
Mr. Gerald C. Gex
Mr. Thomas Kidd
Mr. Robert W. Wyatt, Jr.
Mr. William B. Whitfield
Mr. R. Terry Markel
Mr. Donald Caserta
Mr. Armand Serpas, Sr.
Mr. Michael Richardson
Dr. Andrew K. Martinolich

KREWE OF NEREIDS PARADE

Sunday, February 11, 1996
1 P.M.
Highway 90, Waveland

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Mr. James R. Gurley

PARADE MARSHALL
Mr. Armand H. Serpas, Sr.

RECOLLECTIONS

1967 - Cavalcade of American Dance
King Nereus I - Cornelius K. Herlihy*
1968 - Era of Laughter
King Nereus II - Merlin R. Markel
1996 - Carnival in Rio
King Nereus III - Henry Develle, Jr.*
1970 - Spirit of America
King Nereus IV - W. Ray Gordon*
1971 - Opening Nights
King Nereus V - James DeBlanc*
1972 - Three Ring Circus
King Nereus VI - Haskell L. Doyle*
1973 - Echoes of Famous Streets
King Nereus VII - John Gallagher
1974 - The Enchanted Toy Shop
King Nereus VIII - T. Dixon Ashman
1975 - The Jazz Age
King Nereus IX - David L. Johnson
1976 - Hawaii, The 50th State
King Nereus X - Lucien M. Gex, Jr.

1977 - State Fair
King Nereus XI - Vincent Schott
1978 - Ooooh La La, Paree!
King Nereus XII - Clifford P. Vogt*
1979 - Classic Greece
King Nereus XIII - Luke Caruso
1980 - Space Fantasy
King Nereus XIV - Robert W. Wyatt, Jr.
1981 - Fiesta! Fiesta!
King Nereus XV - Donald W. Diboll
1982 - The Adventures of Alice
King Nereus XVI - Arthur J. Chapman III
1983 - Yankee Doodle Dandy
King Nereus XVII - Thomas W. Kidd
1984 - It's A Small World
King Nereus XVIII - Gerald C. Gex
1985 - Sunday in the Park
King Nereus XIX - Alvin G. Bernard
1986 - It's Mardi Gras Time
King Nereus XX - Harold M. Hitt

1987 - And So It Was ... Dixieland
King Nereus XXI - Joseph W. Gex
1988 - Entertainment, U.S.A.
King Nereus XXII - William B. Whitfield
1989 - Let's Rock 'N' Roll
King Nereus XXIII - Herbert T. Dubuisson
1990 - Nereids Visits Oz
King Nereus XXIV - Clarence L. Moran
1991 - The Way We Never Were
King Nereus XXV - R. Terry Markel
1992 - Viva Las Vegas
King Nereus XXVI - Donald Caserta
1993 - Nereids Awards the Oscars
King Nereus XXVII - Armand H. Serpas, Sr.
1994 - The Big Band Era
King Nereus XXVIII - Michael Richardson
1995 - New York, New York
King Nereus XXIX - Dr. Andrew K. Martinolich

*Deceased